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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3612)
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Examiner: H. Gutman)
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Applicants: J. Melotik et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/681,166)
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Filed: February 7, 2001)
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For: INTEGRATED EXTENDABLE LOAD)
FLOOR ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLES)

**NOTICE OF APPEAL
AND PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME**

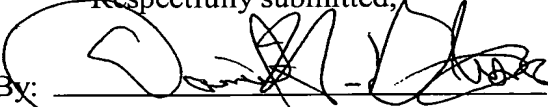
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an appeal to the Board of Appeals from the final rejection of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 1 through 3, 5, 7 through 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 21. In a telephone conference with Examiner Gutman on May 4, 2004, she indicated that the wrong box was checked on the Advisory Action dated April 27, 2004 because Applicants filed their response within the two months from the final rejection. As such, the period for reply expires on the mailing date of the Advisory Action, which is April 27, 2004.

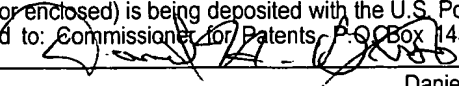
Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time to extend the expiration period from April 27, 2004 to May 27, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$110.00 for the extension of time and any deficiencies in the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1510. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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